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The Gebrueder Wenzhak firm in Halle (L 52/D 92) has been assigned to assist in the production of artillery aiming circles*for the Volkspolizei. The firm must send its reports only to the Office for Economic Questions of the Minister President and is required to keep this production strictly secret. The firm must also abandon at once all civilian production. During World War II, the Wenzhak firm worked with the Gebrueder Wichmann-Reiss-Hildebrand firms and the Busch plant on this type of production. **

Comment: Probably gunnery sights.

Comment. The reported plant is still a private enterprise. After the war, it produced goniometers, angle and precision measuring instruments. The Busch plant was nationalized and is now called "Rathenower Optische Werke" (Optical works of Rathenow). The plant is located at 4 and 5 Dunkerstrasse in Rathenow (R 53/Z 15) and produces microscopes, binoculars and eyeglasses. The Gebrueder Wichmann-Reiss-Hildebrand firms worked in the area of the Soviet zone until the end of the war and are now in West Germany. The Gebrueder Wichmann K.G. firm was located at 29 Marienstrasse in Berlin NW 7 prior to the end of the war, and at 56 Bismarckstrasse, Berlin-Charlottenburg 4 until 1951. Its subsidiary plants, the Max Hildebrand G.m.b.H. and the L. Reiss firms were located at Freiberg, Saxony, and in Bad Liebenwerda and Rathenow respectively, prior to the end of the war. The Gebrueder Wichmann G.m.b.H. now has establishments at 29 Benderstrasse in Juesseldorf-Gerresheim (West Germany), at 6 Christophstrasse in Stuttgart, and at 31/32 Hohe Bleichen in Hamburg 36.

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